

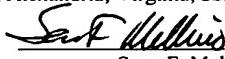
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Dear Sir,

Under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not enclosed. Copies of the references cited in the International Search Report mailed 01/26/2004 in the prior international application PCT/EP03/09911 are also not enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.R.F. 1.97(b)(1), and as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application, the Statement is submitted before the issuance of a first Official Action on this case.

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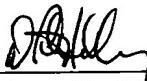
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information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 34 C.F.R. 1.56(b).

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